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15 DEC 1958

The Honorable John Marshall Butler  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Butler:

I have your recent letter inquiring whether there has been any evidence of "Red merchant marine subversion" at American ports in recent years.

We are naturally most concerned with any subversive activities directed at the United States from outside the country, and work very closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this regard. This would of course include any attempts to use merchant ships to gain access to United States ports. As you correctly assume, much of this material is of a classified nature. I would therefore suggest that one of our experts call on you personally and brief you on the details.

As you probably are aware, our work is almost exclusively overseas. Any information obtained by us regarding the use of merchant ships for subversion against the United States would be passed to the appropriate agencies. In addition to the overall interest of the FBI in the internal security of the country, principal responsibility for port security rests with the Coast Guard. Mr. A. Gilmore Flues, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is responsible for Coast Guard matters.

Our Legislative Counsel will ascertain your desires in regard to being further briefed on this subject.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

State Dept. review completed

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5. A State Department dispatch of 2 December from Moscow reported that Senator Humphrey had met with Khrushchev on 1 December from 1500 until approximately 2300. Two subsequent dispatches have been received from Moscow on this matter. (Attached) OSI is particularly interested in Khrushchev's statements to Senator Humphrey that the Soviets had all the H and A bombs they needed and would not only stop production of fissionable material for weapons material but would shortly dismantle some of their bombs. OSI is particularly interested in view of the recent talks between Khrushchev and Sir John Cockcroft, Chairman of the UK Atomic Energy Authority.

6. My present information is that Senator Humphrey will be in Washington on the 6th, 7th and 8th of December. I am further informed that the Senator is anxious to discuss his trip with appropriate persons in the Government. I recommend that efforts be made for you to meet with Senator Humphrey during this period. I suggest General Cabell, Dr. Scoville, Mr. [ ] and probably a few others be present if we can arrange a debriefing session. If you agree with my recommendation I shall make every effort to make arrangements with his office and, possibly, you may also wish personally to telephone him Saturday morning, 6 December.

Atts. 4

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Legislative Counsel

The recommendation in paragraph 6 is approved.

Date

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ALLEN W. DULLES  
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FROM: MOSCOW

TO : Secretary of State

NO : 1203, December 3, 11 AM

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SENT DEPARTMENT 1203; REPEATED INFORMATION GENEVA 35.

SENATOR HUMPHREY INFORMS ME SUBJECT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ON ATOMIC TESTING CAME UP IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH KHRUSHCHEV, WHO BY RIDICULING OUR PROPOSAL FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD. HE SAID, "WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO FOOL? YOU KNOW IT TAKES ALMOST ONE YEAR TO SET UP A NEW SERIES OF TESTS SO YOUR PROPOSAL IS NO PROPOSAL AT ALL." ALTHOUGH MAKING CLEAR HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SENATOR ATTEMPTED CORRECT HIS MISUNDERSTANDING OUR POSITION, APPARENTLY WITH SOME SUCCESS, AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT US WOULD NEVER ACCEPT A WEAK AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ONLY INVITE DECEPTION AND EVASION. KHRUSHCHEV SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF SENATOR'S CONVERSATION WITH KUZNETSOV ON IMPORTANCE TO US OF HAVING AGREEMENT IN ONE DOCUMENT AND IMPORTANCE WHICH SENATE ATTACHED TO TREATY AS OPPOSED TO EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT. KHRUSHCHEV SAID HE AGREED TO ONE DOCUMENT AND HAD SO INSTRUCTED HIS DELEGATION ON NOVEMBER 28. SENATOR REFERRED TO IMPORTANCE OF AGREEMENT ON TESTING AND EFFECT WHICH SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE ON OTHER QUESTIONS.

HUMPHREY ASKED IF SYSTEM OF CONTROLS WHICH KHRUSHCHEV HAD IN MIND WAS AGREEMENT MADE IN GENEVA BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS. KHRUSHCHEV REPLIED "WE FORESEE NO OTHER SYSTEM. THAT IS THE REASON WHY THE SCIENTISTS MET."

KHRUSHCHEV

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-2- 1203, December 3, 11 AM, from MOSCOW

KHRUSHCHEV EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT REFERENCE IN AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO EXPERIMENTAL EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ON GROUND THESE WOULD LEND THEMSELVES TO RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. HE PREFERRED NO EXCEPTION BUT IF THERE WAS ONE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO LIMIT NUMBER OF SUCH EXPLOSIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR EQUAL NUMBER FOR EACH SIDE. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT A UN AGENCY COULD EFFECTIVELY POLICE SUCH OPERATIONS.

SENATOR GAINED IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS ARE GENUINELY SEEKING AGREEMENT ON TEST SUSPENSION AND ARE PERPARED TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS IN THIS FIELD, BUT THAT THEY DO NOT EXPECT REACH AGREEMENT ON SURPRISE ATTACK. ON LATTER SUBJECT KHRUSHCHEV ACCUSED US OF SENDING DELEGATION THAT SOUGHT ONLY INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE. SENATOR REFERRED TO GREAT QUALITIES OF MR. FOSTER AND SAID THAT EVEN KUZNETSOV HAD EXPRESSED HIS HIGH REGARD AND ADMIRATION FOR HIM. SENATOR ALSO ACCUSED SOVIETS OF BEING UNDULY SUSPICIOUS AND STUBBORN.

KHRUSHCHEV MADE CLEAR SOVIETS WOULD NOT CHANGE POSITION ON OUTER SPACE PROBLEM.

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**FROM: MOSCOW**

**TO: Secretary of State**

**NO: 1204, December 3, 11 A.M.**

IN CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR HUMPHREY KHRUSHCHEV SAID SOVIETS HAD EXPLODED A HYDROGEN BOMB OF FIVE MILLION TONS BUT THAT DUE TO IMPROVEMENTS IN TECHNIQUE THEY HAD USED ONE-TENTH OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FORMERLY REQUIRED. HE ALSO STATED THAT SOME MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY HAD JUST LEFT FOR AREA WHERE NEW ROCKETS WERE BEING TESTED. HE SAID THEY NOW HAD A ROCKET WHICH WOULD TRAVEL 14,000 KILOMETERS BUT HAD NO AREA WHERE THEY COULD SAFELY TEST ROCKET FOR THIS DISTANCE. HE SUGGESTED IN JOKING MANNER THAT WE HOLD A ROCKET COMPETITION. HE WAS VERY CONFIDENT ON SOVIET WEAPON SUPERIORITY. HE STATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THEY HAD ALL THE HAND A BOMBS THEY NEEDED AND IN FACT HAD TOO MANY AND WOULD NOT ONLY STOP PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES BUT WOULD SHORTLY DISMANTLE SOME OF THEIR BOMBS.

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